



AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 26, 30, and 35.

Please amend claim 20 as follows:

20. (Twice Amended) A therapeutic or diagnostic composition for administration via the pulmonary airways comprising substantially dry, discrete microcapsules having a solid wall formed of a non-denatured, water-soluble wall-forming material, wherein the wall-forming material is an amino or polyamino acid, and wherein said microcapsules have a mean size of between 1 and 10 μm , and a therapeutically effective amount of a therapeutic or diagnostic agent;

wherein the wall forming material optionally is the therapeutic or diagnostic agent.

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